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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE CHANGE**

**REMINDER** This is a reminder that the deadline for submission of material for the newsletter will be changing to the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month at 4:00 p.m. as of this month.** Any item intended for publication in the January Newsletter will have to be submitted to

either Nina Macdonald or Lauri Barwick by **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** Items submitted after this date will be published in the following month's newsletter. Items will continue to be accepted as before, via email or in writing, and can be dropped in the newsletter basket at the ICHA Office, or mailed to University Hills Newsletter, c/o ICHA, 22 Los Trancos Dr., Irvine, CA 92617.

**NOTICE**

In September / October ICHA lent the **light extension pole** which is used by residents to remove light bulbs in hard to reach vaulted ceilings. The extension pole was never returned and the homeowner who borrowed it is unknown. **If you have this community extension pole, please return it to ICHA.**

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Since the park behind our house has been returned almost to its natural environmental state of 18 years ago, we could swear we have witnessed the most amazing things. The birds are chirping, the bees are buzzing, and the wildebeests are grazing once again. Indeed, the flora and fauna of the Serengeti is back. Just the other morning we were awakened by the joyful sounds of "hi ho hi ho it's off to work we go..." Paradise has returned.

*---Jim and Diane Fallon, Dickens Ct.*

**HRB MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday, November 2, 4 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

Rachel Gamby (Chair), Michele Walot, Wayne Sandholtz, Aileen Anderson, Brian Cummings, Andrew Herndon, Ron Reid, Michelle Rodriguez.

**2. Old Business**

**Monthly Operations Report issues – Andrew/Ron**

Several homeowners were contacted over the last month regarding completion of the landscaping of their rear yards. Landscaping plans must be submitted to ICHA for approval.

One water main broke in two places in Palo Verde at the end of October and affected water pressure in lower University Hills. Both breaks have been fixed as of 11/02/04. Water pressure should have returned to normal. You can check with the ICHA office to borrow a water pressure meter to check your pressure level.

The Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) completed a review of the general community bus circulation plan and proposes to modify the current route to add a new stop at Gabrielino and Frost. Once the new Area 8 Expansion homes are occupied, an additional stop will be added at Gabrielino and California. Although this review was requested by ICHA Management, at the HRB's request, ICHA Management was not given advance warning of the IUSD decision to send a flier home with students indicating these changes. As a result there was no opportunity to consult with residents, or

to provide advance warning of the changes as ICHA and the HRB had intended. Contact Holly Morgan for comments/questions (hmorgan@iusd.org).

### **Architectural review details**

Five new architectural applications for expansions/landscaping were received by ICHA. An addition to a home on Dickens was approved. A request for the addition of a carport on Twain is under consideration. Zoning code requires two covered parking spaces and two off street parking per housing unit. This request has been deferred while ICHA gets clarification on zoning and the HRB examines the site. Another request for a gate across the upper driveway on a Phase 803 home is being considered. The HRB wants to confirm that the height of the fence and height of the openings matches that on the adjoining fence. Removal of wood planton and its replacement with stucco has been approved for a house on Thompson. On Zola court, a loft is being added in a 150 series home along with new windows, but the exterior footprint will not be altered. This request has been approved.

Area 8 residents who have not completed their landscaping will be receiving notices to complete yard work immediately.

### **3. Committee Reports**

EH&S Engineering Gateway noise test follow-up. A preliminary report requested by the HRB and ICHA on noise levels from the Engineering Gateway did not include measuring noise while running all the engineering equipment at the same time. Rather, the noise report only tested single pieces of equipment at a time. As such, this report is unless and will need to be repeated properly.

Dog Run Committee – ICHA presented plans for the dog run grading and fencing. Bermuda grass is planned for most of the area, as well as a single two-gate entrance and three seating areas. The Dog Run Committee will meet mid-November to review the plan and make final recommendations (contact [cummings@uci.edu](mailto:cummings@uci.edu) for details).

Parks Committee – See below.

Community Building Committee – There was no report from this committee this month.

Pool Committee – ICHA will review the dates for school vacations and insure that they overlap with the dates the pools will be heated. All pools will be heated through the month of November. Please see the attached pool heating schedule for details of which pools will be heated and when after Thanksgiving.

### **4. New Business**

Listserv (to moderate or not moderate?) There have been a number of comments regarding the listserv's use and whether or not the HRB should moderate it. HRB concurred that the listsev will **not** be moderated. To address the problem of residents not wanting to remain on a non-moderated listserv, ICHA will contact Nina McDonald to research a separate webtool to allow the HRB and ICHA to get essential University Hills email messages out to all residents. It is anticipated that only a few messages per month would be sent via this method. Recipients will not be able to post to this system nor see who else is on this list. Resident to resident correspondence would remain on the original listserv.

Property Taxes. December's newsletter will include an article regarding taxes and services to the University Hills community.

### **5. 5:30PM – Parks Committee - Gabrielino Playground**

Michelle Rodriguez, representing the Parks Committee, attended the meeting to discuss the options for the Park Committee's recommendations to the HRB and ICHA regarding play structures for both Gabrielino and replacements at the lower pool. A number of emails have been received by the Park Committee regarding three possibilities for the playground at the 60 foot diameter circle at

Gabrielino: Kompas, Gametime, and Leathers are the options. Currently, people are evenly divided over the three possibilities, but the Leathers option does not appear to have enough volunteers to actually complete the construction. New information regarding a matching grant from Gametime has been received. There is a November 19<sup>th</sup> deadline for a matching grant from Gametime to save approximately 45% on additional pieces from Gametime (although grants are on a first come first served basis). ICHA will verify the final deadline on the Gametime offer and see if we can modify their initial offer to include taller components as requested by the Parks committee. The Park committee will need to meet again and pick their final preference of components from either Gametime, Kompas or both so ICHA can get them included in the estimates and the HRB can vote at the December meeting.

*---Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Cummings*

## **POOL HEATING SCHEDULE 2004/2005**

The Los Trancos pool and its hot tub will be heated all year.

The Gabrielino pool & hot tub and Urey pool & hot tub will be heated beginning May 28, 2004 (Memorial Day weekend) until November 29, 2004 (Thanksgiving weekend).

Between Thanksgiving weekend and continuing through the start of the School Winter Holidays break, between the Winter Holidays break and the School Spring break, and between Spring break and Memorial Day weekend only the Los Trancos pool and hot tub will be heated full-time. The Urey and Gabrielino pools will not be heated. Their hot tubs will only be heated from 12:00 noon each Friday through the weekends.

During the Winter Holidays break (December 17 to January 10) and during Spring break (March 25 to April 18) - the Los Trancos pool and all 3 hot tubs will be heated full-time.

Because we are already over budget for this point in the fiscal year we may be not be able to heat the Urey and Gabrielino pools for the entire duration of the Winter Holidays and Spring breaks. Heating these two pools during these breaks will be dependent on the weather and the budget.

This pool schedule will be posted at each of the pools and signs will be posted at the Urey and Gabrielino pools during the breaks making it clear whether or not the pools are heated.

Rachel Gamby keeps a list of e-mail addresses of pool-interested people. If you are interested in receiving e-mail bulletins stating whether or not the Urey and Gabrielino pools are heated during these two break periods, being consulted about pool issues, and informed about unforeseen pool closures, please e-mail Rachel and request that your address be added to her list: [rgamby@cox.net](mailto:rgamby@cox.net)